

What is Claimed:

1. A surface and cordless transducer system comprising:
 - (a) a surface having a plurality of overlapping resonant transmitting coils for radiating an electromagnetic field;
 - (b) a transducer having a resonant circuit responsive to the receipt of electromagnetic radiation from the surface for resonating and storing energy from the radiation, and responsive to a sync signal to transmit an electromagnetic response to the surface; and
 - (c) said surface also having a position resolving grid responsive to electromagnetic radiation from the transducer for determining the position of the transducer.
2. The surface and cordless transducer system of Claim 1 wherein the resonating frequency of the transmitting coils and the resonant frequency of the transducer resonant circuit are the same.
3. The surface and cordless transducer system of Claim 1 wherein said sync signal is a pulse width encoded signal received from said transmitting coils.
4. The surface and cordless transducer system of Claim 1 wherein said surface includes a signal receiving coil for receiving electromagnetic pulse width encoded signals from the transducer.
5. The surface and cordless transducer system of Claim 4 wherein said signal receiving coil is part of said positioning resolving grid.

6. A surface and cordless transducer system comprising:

(a) a surface having a plurality of overlapping resonant inductive based transmitting coils for radiating an electromagnetic field;

5 (b) a signal source for driving the transmitting coils and a controller for turning the transmission of the coils on and off;

(c) a transducer having a resonant circuit responsive to the receipt of electromagnetic radiation from the surface for resonating and storing energy from the radiation, and responsive to a sync signal to transmit an electromagnetic response to the surface; and

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(d) said surface also having a position resolving grid responsive to electromagnetic radiation from the transducer for determining the position of the radiating transducer.

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7. The surface and cordless transducer system of Claim 6 wherein the resonating frequency of the transmitting coils and the resonant frequency of the transducer resonant circuit are the same.

20 8. The surface and cordless transducer system of Claim 6 wherein turning the transmission of the coils on and off provides pulse width encoded signals.

9. The surface and cordless transducer system of Claim 6 wherein said sync signal is a pulse width encoded signal received from said transmitting coils.

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10. The surface and cordless transducer system of Claim 6 wherein said electromagnetic response is a pulse width encoded signal.

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11. The surface and cordless transducer system of Claim 6 wherein turning the transmission of the coils on and off provides pulse width encoded signals representing commands and wherein said electromagnetic response is a pulse width encoded signal representing encoded data.

12. A surface and cordless transducer system comprising:

(a) a surface having a plurality of overlapping resonant transmitting coils for radiating an electromagnetic field;

(b) a transducer having a resonant circuit responsive to the receipt of electromagnetic radiation from the surface for resonating and storing energy from the radiation, said transducer having a passive stand-by condition and an active condition, said transducer when in said passive stand-by condition responsive to said electromagnetic radiation from the surface to resonate and responsive to the receipt of a sync signal from the surface to transmit an encoded electromagnetic signal to the surface; and

(c) said surface also having a position resolving grid responsive to electromagnetic radiation from the transducer for determining the position of the transducer.

13. The surface and cordless transducer system of Claim 12 wherein the resonating frequency of the transmitting coils and the resonant frequency of the transducer resonant circuit are the same.

14. The surface and cordless transducer system of Claim 12 wherein said transducer includes an oscillator that activates the inductive tuned circuit in response to the receipt of a sync signal from the surface to transmit a pulse width encoded electromagnetic signal to the surface.

15. A surface and cordless transducer system comprising:
- 5 (a) a surface having a plurality of overlapping resonant transmitting coils for radiating an electromagnetic field;
- (b) a transducer having a first resonant circuit responsive to the receipt of electromagnetic radiation from the surface for resonating and storing energy from the radiation, and including an oscillator that activates the first resonant circuit in response to the receipt of a sync signal from the surface to transmit a pulse width encoded electromagnetic signal to the surface, and including a
- 10 second resonant circuit, having a different resonating frequency than said first resonant circuit, for transmitting a second electromagnetic signal to the surface to resolve the transducer position; and
- 15 (c) said surface also having a position resolving grid responsive to electromagnetic radiation from the second resonant circuit of the transducer for determining the position of the transducer.
- 20 16. A surface and cordless transducer system comprising:
- (a) a surface having a plurality of overlapping resonant inductive based transmitting coils for radiating an electromagnetic field;
- (b) a signal source for driving the transmitting coils and a
- 25 controller for turning the transmission of the coils on and off;
- (c) a transducer having a resonant circuit responsive to the receipt of electromagnetic radiation from the surface for resonating and storing energy from the radiation, and responsive to a sync signal to transmit an electromagnetic response to the surface;
- 30 (d) said surface also having a position resolving grid responsive to electromagnetic radiation from the transducer for determining the position of the radiating transducer; and

(e) means for squelching the resonant transmitting coils when they are turned off.

17. The surface and cordless transducer system of Claim 16
5 wherein said means for squelching comprises circuit means for shorting out a selected transmit coil when the coil is turned off.

18. The surface and cordless transducer system of Claim 16
10 wherein said means for squelching the resonant transmitting coils comprises transmitting coils having a resonant frequency different than the resonating frequency of the transducer resonant circuit and driving the transmitting coils with a signal having the frequency of the transducer resonant circuit.

19. A method of transmitting power and data from a surface to a
15 transceiver and transmitting data from the transceiver to the surface comprising:

- (a) providing a surface having a plurality of overlapping resonant transmitting coils for radiating an electromagnetic field;
- (b) driving said coils to produce an electromagnetic field
20 at the resonant frequency of the coils;
- (c) turning the driving on and off to produce pulse width encoded electromagnetic signals;
- (d) providing a transducer having a resonant circuit responsive to the receipt of electromagnetic radiation from the
25 surface for resonating and storing energy from the radiation;
- (e) placing said transducer in said electromagnetic field;
- (f) transmitting a pulse width encoded sync signal from the surface to the transducer;
- (g) transmitting a pulse width encoded signal from the
30 transducer to the surface in response to the sync signal;

- (h) providing a position resolving grid at said surface to receive electromagnetic radiation from said transducer; and
- (i) determining the position of the transducer.